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SUBJECT: OECD/CST:10TH SESSION, MARCH 20-21, 1975,
USOECD REPORT.

REF: SPT/A(75)2, DRAFT AGENDA.

1. SUMMARY (A) MAIN BUSINESS ITEM WAS DISCUSSION OF
FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR JUNE 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL.,
SPT(75)4, "ISSUES" PAPER, TO BE GIVEN EDITORIAL
SMOOTHING, WITH COUNTRY COMMENTS, IF ANY, SOONEST.
COUNTRY COMMENTS ALSO REQUIRED BY DEADLINE APRIL 7,
NATURAL RESOURCES BACKGROUND PAPER, DAS/SPR/74.71, 1ST
REVISION. LATTER HOPEFULLY READY FOR DISTRIBUTION
APRIL 14, AND SECRETARIAT REQUESTS TELEGRAPHIC COMMENTS
TO EXPEDITE REVISION. (B) DISCUSSION OF 1975/1976
PROGRAM FOR RENEWAL NEXT CST MEETING, MAY 13, BASED ON
AVAILABLE OPTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR SCIENCE MINISTERIAL.
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(A) ISSUES PAPER, SPT(75)4. AFTER CONSIDERABLE ROUND-

TABLE DISCUSSION, DISAGREEMENT AND COMPROMISE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT DRASTIC CHANGE IN ISSUES PAPER WOULD UNHINGE PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL. PAPER THEREFORE TO BE SMOOTHED, WITH COUNTRY COMMENTS ASAP. ADVANCE ENGLISH VERSION TO US CANADA, JAPAN, NZ, AUSTRALIA BY APRIL 18. (B) CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SPT(75)4, DROPPED IN FAVOR OF NEW PAPER CALLED "QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION", TO BE REVIEWED IN MEMBER-COUNTRIES, AND EVENTUALLY PRESENTED TO MINISTERS AS CHECK-LIST FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. SECRETARIAT WILL STRUCTURE PAPER TO HIGHLIGHT: (I) RELATIONSHIP OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ECONOMY (II) RELATIONSHIP OF SCI/TECH TO OVERALL OECD PROGRAM (III) INTERNATIONAL/ GLOBAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM. MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION WILL BE ORIENTED TO THREE BASIC QUESTIONS: IS ISSUE IMPORTANT? WHAT CAN BE DONE NATIONALLY? INTERNATIONALLY? (C) MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DAS/SPR/74.71, 1ST REVISION. PAPER WELL-RECEIVED. FINAL MEMBER-COUNTRY COMMENTS REQUIRED BY DEADLINE APRIL 7. REVISED VERSION TO BE DISTRIBUTED APRIL 14. (D) NO CHANGE IN AGENDA, BUT COUNTRIES REQUESTED GIVE PREVIEW BY APRIL 8 OF LIKELY AREAS OF INTEREST, TO ENABLE SECRETARIAT COORDINATION OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION.

3. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF 1976 PROGRAM. SECRETARIAT WILL UPDATE 1975 PROGRAM, INDICATING NEW OPTIONS AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES; I.E. STATUS REPORT ON 1975 ACTIVITIES, AND PROPOSALS FOR 1976. COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS FULLY MAY 13.

4. CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICIES,

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SPT(75)3. COMMITTEE CONSIDERED PREMATURE SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR APRIL FOLLOW-UP MEETING FOR PROGRAM INPUT. ADVICE TO BE SOUGHT FROM IPG AND CUG, AIMING AT POSSIBLE EARLY FALL MEETING. CONFERENCE REPORT WILL BE INCLUDED IN PACKAGE FOR SCIENCE MINISTERS, AND CONFERENCE STEERING GROUP TO MEET APRIL 28-29 FOR DRAFTING SESSION. SUMMARY SESSION REPORTS TO BE IN BY APRIL 10.

5. SOCIAL SCIENCES. CHAIRMAN OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP AND SECRETARIAT BOTH UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR. CHAIRMAN (STENMANS, BELGIUM) PROMISED EITHER CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPED AT APRIL 7-8 MEETING, OR SIGNAL TO PHASE OUT.

6. MATERIALS. CHAIRMAN (GRANGER, US) REPORTED ON PROGRESS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CIRCULAR LETTER REQUESTING MEMBER-COUNTRY INFO ON MATERIALS R & D POLICY. REPLIES TO BE IN BY JULY 15, IN PREPARATION FOR POST-SCIENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: (A) SECRETARIAT SUBMITTED DSTI/SPR/75.22, TRENDS IN LEVEL AND PATTERN R & D EXPENDITURE UNCLASSIFIED

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IN OECD AREA SINCE 1971. MEMBER-COUNTRIES TO ADVISE BY APRIL 18 IF THIS DOCUMENT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN SCIENCE MINISTERIAL PACKAGE. (B) NEXT CST MEETING, MAY 13, PRECEDED BY MAY 12 EVENING EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING.
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